

Englewood Community Health Action Team  
CHAT Meeting Summary  
March 20, 2014

Welcome and Introductions: Present were Jennifer Perry, Aura Iajardo, Zara Anderson, Pat Reynolds, Carol Kouba, Joe Blais, Diane Ramseyer, Sue Todd.

Drug Free Charlotte County – Diane Ramseyer :

- A community coalition that serves Charlotte County.
- High School student alcohol use in Charlotte has gone from 54% to 31% since 2002. Emphasize the positive – the reduction, not the use.
- Marijuana use can cause long term effects, regular use as a teen can still effect intelligence points as an adult because the brain is still forming.
- Trying to build community involvement for Drug Free Youth – teens sign a pledge, a randomly drug tested, and receive a discount card – “catch them doing something right.”
- Charlotte Youth score high in protective assets – strong family, and self confidence, but low in community assets for youth.
- Things the community can do – offer discounts from businesses, volunteer, donate funds.
- Upcoming Englewood Community Coalition forum focusing on youth substance abuse prevention in Englewood. The April 29<sup>th</sup> date will be changed.....Diane will let us know the new date.

Englewood Farmers Market – SNAP

- The EFM has been approved to accept SNAP and will begin a soft opening sometime in May with a big opening next October.
- If you know of SNAP recipients who would like to participate in a trial in May please let Jennifer Perry know at [jperry@scgov.net](mailto:jperry@scgov.net)

Upcoming:

- Just Neighbors meeting, Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. – Wayne Applebee and John Thaxton will be there to bring Englewood up to date on the future plans for homeless families in South County. Please attend if at all possible, especially if you are serving low income/homeless families! Sarasota County Commissioner Christine Robinson, and Charlotte County Commissioner Bill Trues will also be attending.